

The City of Marion, South Carolina

SWAMP FOX SCENE

A FREE monthly news magazine for the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City



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“Celebration of Heroes”

The annual "Celebration of Heroes" event is a salute to veterans, armed service members and first responders. Live entertainment and family oriented activities are the basis for the event. We are here to celebrate the birth of our nation and to honor our veterans and those who serve and protect us every day.

The Swamp Fox Entertainment Complex in Marion celebrates America with an event designed to bring unity to the community. The Mayors of Marion, Mullins, Nichols and Sellers team up to make the event possible along with the help from generous sponsors throughout the community.

Proceeds from this year's event will go to benefit the Marion County Disaster Relief Fund, which is helping towns like Nichols to rebuild after the devastating effects in the wake of Hurricane Matthew last year. Please come out and join us for a day full of fun and family! The kids will have a great time burning off some of that endless summer energy in the bounce house and obstacle course supplied by [@RileysRentals2015!](#)



Marion County Celebrates America would like to thank our sponsors to date: Marion County Government, the Cities of Marion, Mullins, Sellers and Nichols, Anderson Brothers Bank, Senator Kent Williams, [Whittington Dental Associates](#), [Bridgers Drug Store](#), [Jordan Waste, INC.](#), [Sunbelt Roofing Services](#) and [Carolinas Hospital Systems!](#)

CELEBRATION OF HEROES SATURDAY JULY 1ST
 PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE MARION COUNTY DISASTER RELIEF FUND
 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM AT THE SWAMP FOX ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX, 1548 SOUTH HIGHWAY 501, MARION, SC 29574
FIREWORKS!
 A SALUTE TO VETERANS, ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS & FIRST RESPONDERS
 LOTS OF VENDORS! LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT!
 GREAT FOOD & DRINKS! KIDS ZONE!
 CAR SHOW! EMERGENCY VEHICLE DISPLAYS!
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
 SPONSORED BY: MARION COUNTY, TOWNS OF NICHOLS & SELLERS, ANDERSON BROTHERS BANK, CAROLINAS HOSPITAL SYSTEM

Car Show

TOP 35

Best Production
Best Modified
Best of Show

\$15

Registration between 2 and 5PM



AWARDS 7PM

Registrants may want to bring a tent or garden umbrella for shade on asphalt surface

CELEBRATION OF HEROES SATURDAY JULY 1ST
 AT THE SWAMP FOX ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX
 3:00P to 10:00P
FREE ADMISSION
PARKING \$5/Vehicle

“TOUCH A TRUCK” - Emergency Vehicles Southeastern Auto Fair CAR SHOW

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

PROCEEDS benefit MARION COUNTY DISTASTER RELIEF

KIDS ZONE
FoxHole Bar and Grill and other VENDORS

CORNHOLE
 (Register on Site - 3:00PM, Play 4:00PM)
 (Prize amount dependent on number of Participants)

6:00PM Reveille
Word of Welcome
Introduction of Guests
Armed Forces Medley
Gettysburg Address...Bo McMillan and Bill Nelson
America The Beautiful performance by Bill Nelson
Instincto Nortano...Spanish Classical
Southern Gold... Beach
Fire and Desire...R&B
Scott Bullard....Country Acoustic Guitar, Singer-Song Writer
Morris Ward....Eagle's Music Variety and A Capella Quartet

FIREWORKS!!!

An AFTERNOON of FAMILY FUN EXPERIENCES

NO TIRES OR TELEVISIONS ON CURBSIDE



The City takes pride in keeping Historical Marion looking beautiful. With spring comes warmer weather and the grass-cutting season is quickly approaching. There are City Ordinances for over grown and vacant lots. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961. In case you didn't know, a **tire, tires** or **televisions** place curbside in the City of Marion is considered litter by city ordinance. For health

and safety reasons and in accordance with DHEC regulations, city employees no longer pick up **tires** or **television** at curbside. The fine for littering is **\$1,092.50**. Homeowners are to dispose of unwanted tires and television at the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** located at **2631 Senator Gasque Rd, Marion SC**. Call the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** at **(843) 423-8284** for hours of operation. If you have any questions about this reminder, please call the city administrator at Marion City Hall, (843) 423-5961. Property owners in the Historic District. Please be aware of the zoning ordinances and guidelines that are in place before any changes are made to historic properties. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961.



Business license renewals

All City of Marion Business Licenses expired on June 30th. To avoid paying a penalty, renewals are due by 5:00 p.m. July 31st. For help or if you have questions about your business license renewal or no longer doing business, please contact Lakesha Shannon at (843) 423-5961.

2018 Member Campaign Underway

If you haven't renewed your HMRA membership or would like to assist the HMRA Board in its endeavors to preserve and promote our beautiful town or just want to ensure that Marion's existence remains, now is the time. Visit www.theswampfox.org for membership details!

THE CITY'S NEWS.....

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Charlie and Brittany Fincannon of 301 Harmon Park Blvd. were awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for June 2017. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. The Fincannon's will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

Who should I call for city information?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

Mayor Ashley Brady, (843) 992-3773
Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
Lakesha Shannon, City Clerk, Ext. 10
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
Elizabeth Ficik, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
Frank Page, Athletic Director, (843) 423-5410
Dewayne Tennie, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
Cindy Barr, Training Officer (843) 423-8616
Chris Smith, Captain (843) 423-8616
Tony Flowers, Investigator (843) 423-8616
Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
Chris McKenzie, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
Almeta Mullins, Secretary, (843) 423-8616



Marion Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Raspberries and Thyme on Monday, June 5th at 10:00 a.m. The owners of the café are Bob George and Maggie McCullough and it is located at 329 North

Main Street. Make your plans to visit Raspberries and Thyme and enjoy their wonderful variety of food and baked items. They are open Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Marion Chamber President Darrell Jameson, Mayor Ashley Brady and many friends welcomed Raspberries and Thyme to Main Street and to the Chamber.

Photo Courtesy Marion Chamber of Commerce

SAVE THE DATE

Marion Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament
 Wednesday, August 23, 2017
 Dusty Hills County Club
 Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

The Swamp Fox Scene is the City of Marion's Free monthly newspaper for citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City, Marion, South Carolina. Printed by Herald Multiforms in Dillon, city employees produce and distribute the newspaper.

The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

Grass, weeds and overgrown vegetation Ordinances

According to the City's CODE OF ORDINANCES : **Section 6-1009.1 through Section 6-1009.6**, grass, weeds, or other overgrown vegetation higher than one foot on average is declared to be a nuisance. The ordinance also states that any property owner or occupant of the property that allows the property to serve as a breeding place for trash and litter or as a fire hazard is to be declared a nuisance. Any individual who fails to resolve the issue within 10 days of notice of non-compliance will be guilty of a misdemeanor. The City may remove weeds, overgrown vegetation either by the use of a city crew or designated contractor and the cost will become a lien upon the property and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes. The cost of such action by the city is as follows: \$100 per lot, ½ acre or less; \$175 per lot, ½ acre to 2 acres; \$250 per lot, 2 acres to 5 acres; \$250 per lot, 5 acres and over, plus \$100 per hour; or any contractor costs incurred by the city to correct the nuisance lot in addition to the cost of mailings. If an owner or occupant of a property believes they are unable to pay to have the grass, weeds, or overgrown vegetation removed, he or she may ask the City of Marion for assistance.

A voucher program, administered by a seven-member committee, is available for reviewing requests for assistance by low-income persons.

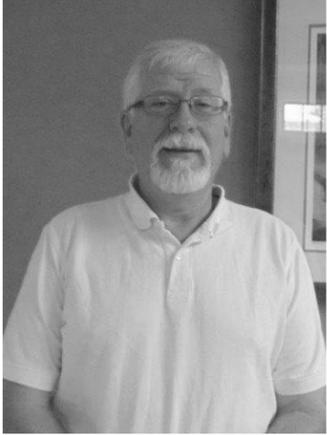
For information about the voucher program, contact City Administrator Alan Ammons at 843-423-5961.

Marion Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Sweet Pink Treats Monday, May 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Sweet Pink Treats is owned by Ty Atkinson and is located at 332 North Main Street, Suite A. Ms. Atkinson will be offering many sweet delights, ice creams, shakes and much more. Marion Chamber of Commerce President Darrell Jameson, Mayor Ashley Brady, and family and other attendees were on hand for the ribbon cutting. Follow Sweet Pink Treats on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sweetpinktreatshop/
 Photo Courtesy Marion Chamber of Commerce

The City of Marion is pleased to announce Frank Page as its May 2107 Employee of the Month.



Frank Page, a Marion County native, graduated from Marion High School and Francis Marion University and has worked with the city's recreation department since December 1999. Before that, Frank worked with the City of Florence Recreation Department. He currently serves as the Athletic Director and oversees the City's youth sports programs. His many responsibilities include supervising registrations, recruiting officials and volunteer coaches, managing season schedules and assisting with field and facility maintenance. "Frank has an even temperament in dealing with parents and, most importantly, a genuine care for the kids," said

Mayor Ashley Brady.

"Frank Page is a great employee and asset to the City of Marion Recreation Department," said City Administrator Alan Ammons, adding that the long-time athletic director "works countless hours, often in the evenings and on weekends, to help us provide the best and most enjoyable recreation experience for our young people and their families."

The Mayor and Council recognized Frank Page for his dedication to the Marion Recreation Department and the children of our community at the June 13th Council Meeting.



No Rise and Shine for the month of July.

July 1st - Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Marion County Independence Day: "Celebration of Heroes". At the Swamp Fox Entertainment Complex. For details contact (843) 423-9918.

July 4th - Tuesday

City offices closed to observe Independence Day! Offices reopen at 8:00 a.m. on July 5th.

July 11th - Tuesday

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

July 14th - Friday

7:00 p.m. Opening night ceremony - Softball State Tournaments. C D Joyner Auditorium.

July 15th - 20th (Saturday - Thursday)

Softball State Tournaments
Angels Traditional – (10 & under)
Pony Traditional – (11-12)
Debs—(18 & under)
All games will be played at Green Street Sports Complex.

Good Morning...Raspberries & Thyme!

Submitted by Kathy Stedman for HMRA

You might be inclined to ask "what kind of restaurant doesn't serve fried food, pre-made fast food, or 'doctored-up' canned food", and to answer that question, look no farther than **Raspberries & Thyme**. Located at 329 North Main Street in downtown Marion, this charming little café, opened March 8th of 2017, is the fruition of three and one half years of painstaking attention to detail evident in the ambience (somewhat Bohemian and definitely nostalgic), the table settings, the selection of reading materials strategically placed to invite you to sit and browse, and most importantly, the fare.



Maggie McCullough, Dusty Smith, Bob George and Brent Ard melded their individual talents, ranging from expert craftsmanship in woodworking and interior design, to horticulture, and many years of navigating the ins and outs of meal preparation. They turned what originated, in 1901, as a building leased by the United States Postal Service come Planters Bank, then Horinbein's Ladies Dress Shop, followed by other businesses, into an atmosphere teeming with memorabilia that instantly piques your interest while massaging your senses with comfort and curiosity. The exposed original brick wall on the north side of the building and the beautiful cast-molded ceiling with bronzed effect are noteworthy highlights of extensive hours of physical labor poured into this project.



Maggie and Bob are the "chefs du jour" with a flair for creating the perfect artisanal experience. Both possess intimate knowledge of the food industry, having worked as either personal chefs and/or in venues serving the public. They use only fresh produce and Boar's Head meats, cheeses, and condiments. Their pastries, breads, desserts and salad dressings are made from scratch. Their coffee

comes as whole beans from Java Estate Roastery near Wilmington, and is ground fresh daily. The menu changes seasonally, and boasts new weekly features, but customers have declared favorites such as the Quiche Lorraine and the French Dip Roast Beef Sandwich. And who can resist a little sweet treat such as Maggie's famous lemon squares, blueberry muffins, or brownies laced with Amaretto or Kahlua, not to mention the cheesecake which openly defies resistance.



Raspberries & Thyme is open Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. offering seated meals and take-out (pick up only, call (843) 245-2246. They also offer catering and arrangements can be made to host small events or private dinner at the café, with advance notice. For Bob and Maggie, Raspberries & Thyme is their opportunity to introduce our community to a "palatable art form" that will delight your senses and inspire you to return for the next "canvas".

A-Team Neighborhood Watch

Contributed by: Dolly Boyer

We have all heard the phrase, **see something say something**. With safety concerns at the national and local levels this is the best tool we have. I challenge my fellow citizens to give that phrase a new twist. See a police officer and say thanks. When I was growing up, I saw the respect my Grandfather received while in his police uniform. Today our officers do not experience that same level of respect. Recently, as I was turning by a police officer at a stop sign, I took the time to stop and thank him. I could tell from his facial expression this was a new experience. These men and women deserve our thanks and respect. It only takes a moment. We have an officer right now on leave from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident while on patrol. Take a moment and drop off a card for him at the police station. While there thank all the officers you encounter. While my goal is to show appreciation to our officers, I promise you will be enriched by the experience. It's that time of year again. A-Team will be holding National Night Out, August 1st from 6 PM until 10 PM. There will be food, games and live entertainment. This will be our 3rd year of partnering with our police department to put on this event. For more information contact Dolly @ 843-433-0941. A-Team meets the 1st Monday of each month @ 6:30 PM in the Firehouse on East Bond St. The public is always welcome. We practice our motto "WE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS' KEEPERS."

City's Playgrounds

The following City of Marion playgrounds provide free fun and are open to the public:

Withlacoochee Park

Withlacoochee Ave - This park has a walking track and playground equipment. This site holds Marion's Tennis Courts.

Grice's Recreation Center

603 Gurley Street - The playground has been updated with new playground equipment. This site also has a basketball court behind the center and is near the walking track.

Tilghman Park

409 Montgomery Street - This is has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that **Marion** Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. –9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

City rentals available

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call Pansy Brown, 423-5410 for availability.

Check us out online!

The City of Marion Recreation Department is on Facebook and online. For information and updates on games scheduling, cancellation and pictures. Visit the www.marionsc.gov web site. Find us under "Residents" and then click on "Recreation". To Find us on Facebook, visit **Marion Recreation Department!**



Basketball Schedule

Shannon Wilkerson Gym
702 Wilcox Ave, Marion SC

Adult – 19 and over
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Under 18
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Softball Tournaments 2017

We are proud to announce that The Marion Recreation Department will host the 2017 Softball State Tournaments July 15th – July 20th at Green Street Sports Complex. The tournament will be the Angels Traditional (10 & under), the Ponytails Traditional (11-12) and the Debs (18 & under). Come out and give the girls, staff and coaches your support for all their hard work and dedication for getting them this far. Lets cheer them on. Congratulations Girls. Job well done.

Marion Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting and reopening for the Marion County Council on Aging on Monday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The

Council on Aging is located at 307 West Dozier Street behind the Marion County Museum. They offer many programs for the senior citizens of our county. Senator Williams informed those attending of the plans for a garden and beautification for the adjacent land. Marion Chamber of Commerce President Darrell Jameson, Mayor Ashley Brady, Council on Aging director Lisa Brewer, Senator Kent Williams, Representative Lucas Atkinson, and Hank Page with the Lt. Governor's office along the Council on Aging Board of Directors and other attendees were on hand for the ribbon cutting and reopening. You can contact the Council on Aging at 843-423-4391.

Photo Courtesy Marion Chamber of Commerce

National Garden Week Proclamation



National Garden Week is a week set aside for Garden Clubs to show support to their communities. Garden Clubs deal with this in several different ways: customarily, floral designs

are created by club members and placed in the foyers of several Municipal Buildings. This year they were placed in the City Hall of Marion, the Marion Police Department and Marion County Public Library. Beside each design stood a frame poster depicting the dates and theme of National Garden Clubs, Inc. "Leap into Action". Nearby the cover of the club yearbook was conveniently displayed. A meeting was arranged with the newly elected Mayor of Marion during which he signed an official Proclamation Depicting June 4-10 as National Garden Week. Other Garden club presidents were invited to attend, as well as the President of Marion Garden Club Council. Following the meeting ideas were exchanged leading to ways Garden Clubs can serve communities by working cooperatively with City employees. The Mayor has declared overwhelming support to Garden Clubs in the City of Marion.